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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Holger BUEHLER, et al.

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FOR: METHOD FOR THE EXTRACTION OF KERATIN FROM DEAD ANIMAL SKINS

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- 1) References AC - AD & AO - AR have been cited in the International Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 2) References have been cited in the corresponding Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 3) References AE, AS - AU & AW - AY are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 4) References are additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.

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